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SUBJECT: SECTION X EXCHANGES: REED WHITTEMORE

REF.: MOSCOW 1415, 1800

1. SES ACTING DIRECTOR HANDED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON REED WHITTEMORE (COPY POUCHED) TO SOVIET EMBASSY CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH ON FEBRUARY 4. SAKOVICH SAID HE WOULD CABLE SUBSTANCE OF AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 5 BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE WHITTEMORE VISIT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN.

2. TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE FOLLOWS:

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO ARTICLE X OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND USSR ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES, AND COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND OTHER FIELDS AND PROPOSES THAT THE WELL-KNOWN POET, REED WHITTEMORE, VISIT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS FROM FEBRUARY 21

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TO MARCH 7, 1974. MR. WHITTEMORE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED

BY HIS WIFE.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR. WHITEMORE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SOVIET POETS AND OTHER WRITERS. HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE READINGS OF HIS POETRY, TO DISCUSS

AMERICAN POETRY IN GENERAL, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA IN THE LITERARY FIELD.

MR. WHITEMORE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1919, IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE AT YALE UNIVERSITY AND ATTENDED GRADUATE SCHOOL AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. HE HAS BEEN THE LITERARY EDITOR OF THE NEW REPUBLIC MAGAZINE AND A CONSULTANT IN POETRY AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER MR. WHITEMORE CAN BE RECEIVED DURING THE SUGGESTED PERIOD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 4, 1974. "

3. WHITEMORE IS WILLING SPEAK ON OVERVIEW OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETRY.

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